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GOLDWATER SEES ATOM PACT PERIL

Says U.S. Needs to Test in Air to Aid Missile Defense

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Barry Goldwater, former Republican Presidential nominee, said today that if the United States was thinking seriously about building an antiballistic missile system, then it would have to break the nuclear test ban treaty.

Mr. Goldwater said that in secret testimony before the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee in 1963, a scientist he did not name said the United States did not then have the capabilities to build such an antimissile missile system and would not have them without atmospheric tests. Shortly thereafter, the test ban treaty was signed, Mr. Goldwater noted, and atmospheric testing stopped.

Therefore, the former Arizona Senator said, the country still did not have the capabilities and, "if we seriously intend to go ahead with it [the antimissile system], I think we have to break the treaty."

"We have the right to do it. We have to be able to test the results," he added.

In his State of the Union Message, President Johnson noted that the Soviet Union might be building such a system. He proposed talks, which have since gotten under way, between the United States and Russia, aimed at a missile moratorium.

Mr. Goldwater made his remarks on the Columbia Broadcasting System radio and television program, "Face the Nation."

Wheeler Backs System

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UPI)—Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said today that an antiballistic missile system would be well worth its cost to the United States despite Administration assertions to the contrary.

"Deterrence is a combination of weapons and a state of mind," General Wheeler said in an interview on the National Broadcasting Company program "Meet the Press." "I feel that a measure of defense adds to the posture of our deterrent."

The comment served to confirm disagreement between General Wheeler and Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara over an antimissile system. General Wheeler said he could not accept Mr. McNamara's views that development of such a system would set off an expensive arms race and that the Russians would increase their offensive capabilities to a point where the system would be ineffective.

The general also disagreed with Barry Goldwater in his contention that the United States would have to break the nuclear test ban treaty to develop an antiballistic missile system.

General Wheeler said a system could be developed without testing in the atmosphere. He said underground tests, permitted under the treaty, would provide all the information necessary for the system.

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